

WHERE DO I DISPOSE OF MY HAZARDOUS WASTES?

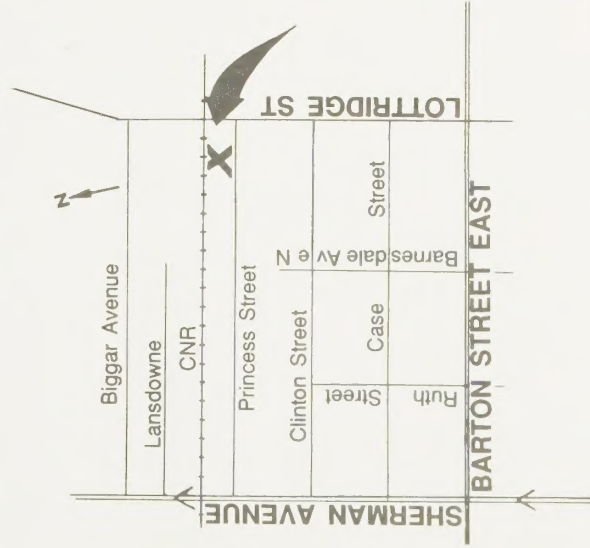
The Region's Household Hazardous Waste Depot is a permanent facility operated on behalf of the Region by

HOTZ ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

239 Lottridge Street
Hamilton, Ontario
(north of Barton, between Gage and Sherman.)

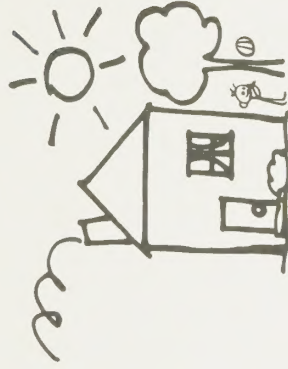
Hazardous wastes will be accepted from residents of the Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth only, free of charge. No loads from commercial or industrial generators will be accepted.

All containers must be sealed and labelled (if possible, keep products in their original containers), as unidentified wastes may not be accepted. Explosives, ammunition, PCB's, and biological or pathological waste are also *unacceptable*.



KEEP YOUR HOME FREE OF TOXICS

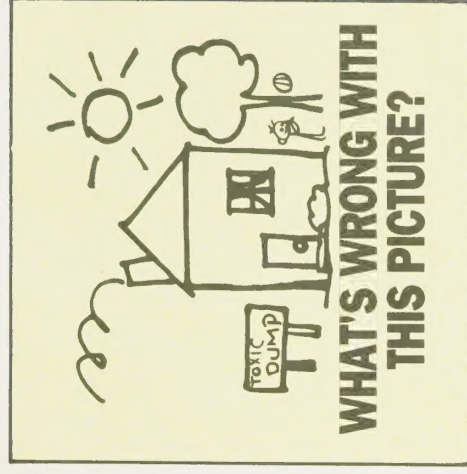
Dispose of household hazardous waste properly by taking them to the Region's Household Hazardous Waste Depot. It is a permanent depot and is open *every Saturday* for your convenience.



General information about Household Hazardous Waste is available from the Ministry of the Environment.

For additional information about Recycling, Household Hazardous Waste, Composting, Industrial Waste Reduction, and the Region's Solid Waste Disposal System, call 546-4417.

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal In Hamilton-Wentworth



The sign says this home is a toxic dump.

Why?

Because if we looked in the basement, garage, kitchen, tool shed, and bathrooms, we would probably find all sorts of hazardous chemicals and products - paints, solvents, cosmetics, oils, greases, cleaners, batteries, and many others.

IS YOUR HOUSE
A TOXIC DUMP
TOO?



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HAZARDS IN YOUR HOME

Not only are hazardous products dangerous to have around children and pets, they can also be harmful to both people who use them and those who must handle wastes thrown in the garbage. If improperly disposed of, hazardous wastes can . . .

- ☐ **pollute groundwaters.** Pouring them on the ground can contaminate wells and surface waters.
- ☐ **harm sewage treatment organisms.** Flushing them down the drain can damage pipes, and sewage treatment plants are not designed to handle chemical pollutants.
- ☐ **injure collection crews.** Containers burst when compacted in the garbage trucks, spilling contents on the ground, the collection crew, or passers-by.

Many hazardous wastes do not readily break down, therefore polluting the natural environment and damaging our woods, lakes, streams, and wildlife – and also us.

WHAT COULD I BE USING THAT IS HAZARDOUS?

Hazardous wastes can be classed into four categories: corrosives, toxics, flammables, and reactives. Some chemicals are hazardous for several reasons; be sure and read all labels on containers carefully.

If one or more of these warning symbols appear on the label, the material should be considered hazardous and handled accordingly:

“Corrosives”

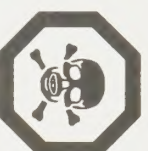
Substances which are acidic or caustic, that will eat away and wear away at other materials.

For instance – battery acid, oven/drain/toilet cleaners, disinfectants, bleach, and photographic chemicals.



“Toxics”

Poisonous or lethal substances which are extremely harmful and could cause death to humans and animals if swallowed, or inhaled, even in small quantities. Some toxics are: pesticides, cleaning fluids and powders, mothballs, anti-freeze, paint, wood preservatives, and pool chemicals.



“Flammables”

Liquids that can easily catch fire and burn vigorously at low temperatures. Examples are: gasoline, propane, lighter fluid, turpentine, used oils, furniture polish, BBQ starter, enamel or oil based paints, and nail polish.



“Reactives”

Chemicals that could explode or react violently and give off toxic fumes. Some reactives are aerosol cans, bleach mixed with ammonia, and pool chemicals.



WHAT SHOULD I DO?

- ☐ Use less toxic or non-toxic substitutes
- ☐ Buy only what you need
- ☐ Use up what you have completely or dispose of it at the Region's Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW) Depot

IF YOU DO HAVE ANY HAZARDOUS WASTES IN YOUR HOME TREAT THEM WITH CARE

- 1 store different products separately (e.g. ammonia from bleach)
- 2 do not mix chemicals
- 3 keep them in well ventilated areas where children and pets cannot reach them
- 4 when finishing a bottle of liquid cleaner etc., rinse the container three or four times and use the rinse water as you would the original, then dispose of the container in you garbage
- 5 do not use chemical containers for other uses
- 6 do not burn, crush or puncture aerosol cans
- 7 deliver waste motor oil to a service station which has an oil recycling program, or to the Region's HHW depot
- 8 trade in car batteries at a service station, take them to metal recyclers who handle them, or to the Region's HHW depot
- 9 medicines which are unused, unwanted or out-dated, can be brought to the Region's depot to prevent misuse by children
- 10 make sure containers remain capped and properly sealed by checking the containers periodically